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SUBJECT: TEACHERS STRIKE ONLY PARTIAL SUCCESS IN NORTH

1. LOCAL TEACHERS UNION, EMBRACING AREAS OF THESSALONIKI, KILKIS AND CHALKIDIKI, OFFICIALLY DECRIED DECISION OF FEDERATION OF MIDDLE EDUCATION TEACHERS (OLME) IN ATHENS TO CALL 48- HOUR NATIONAL STRIKE BY HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS BEGINNING MARCH 27 FOR WAGE ADJUSTMENTS. THUS IN THIS DISTRICT STRIKE PROVED ONLY PARTIALLY EFFECTIVE, ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, WITH 25 HIGH SCHOOLS CLOSED AND 43 PARTIALLY OR COMPLETELY IN OPERATION. ELSEWHERE IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN MACEDONIA, HOWEVER, STRIKE WAS TOTAL.

2. ATTACKING NATIONAL FEDERATION, LOCAL UNIONS PRESS RELEASE STATED: (1) STRIKE WAS CALLED AT CRITICAL MOMENT FOR COUNTRY WHEN THERE SHOULD BE UNITY WITH GOVERNMENT IN FACING PRESENT DIFFICULTIES: (2) STRIKE CALLED JUST BEFORE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, AS PREVIOUS STRIKE HAD BEEN IMMEDIATELY BEFORE NOVEMBER 17 ELECTIONS: IS THIS COINCIDENTAL? (3) FEDERATION FAILED TO HEED PRIME MINISTER'S APPEAL FOR BREATHING PERIOD AND AUSTERITY IN BROADER INTERESTS OF NATION: (4) FEDERATION DID NOT SEEK VIEWS OF LOCAL UNIONS:
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(5) FEDERATION COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED DURING DIC-

TATORSHIP HAVE NOT BEEN OUSTED, AND NOW SEEK ONLY TO
PERPETUATE THEMSELVES TO DETRIMENT OF GREEK EDUCA-
TION AND NATION.

3. ATHENS REPORTING SEPARATELY ON OTHER ASPECTS OF STRIKE.
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